THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The index of self-reliance is showing a slight decline due to increased demand after a steep increase till recently;

(b) O.N.G.C. have taken several initiatives to meet the growing demand for petroleum such as upgardation o reserves, maximising recovery from producing fields, putting the new discoveries into early production, initiating pilot projects on enhanced recovery techniques and introduction of new technology.

(c) Apart from education and press campaign launched by Petroleum Conservation Research Association to conserve consumption Government have initiated several steps for containing the consumption of petroleum products. These include recovery of waste heat, proper combustion of fuels, proper insulation, better driving and maintenance practices, development of fuel efficient stoves and other activities in Transport and Industrial Sectors.

पेट्रोल और गैस के लिए खोज कार्य

1646. **श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत में कौन-कौन से स्थानों पर पैट्रोल और गैस की खोज की जा रही है ; यदि हां, तो यह खोज कार्य कब तक पूर्ण हो जाएगा ; और

(ख) नए खोज कार्य पर कितना व्यय होने का अनुमान है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) हाइड्रोकार्बनों का अन्वेषण कार्य एक निरंतर चलने वाली प्रक्रिया है । इस समय देश में निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों/बेसिनों में अन्वेषण का काम चल रहा है ;

तटवर्ती क्षेत्र

गुजरात, असम, आन्ध्र प्रदेश, तमिलनाडु, राजस्थान, त्रिपुरा, नागालैंड, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, मध्य प्रदेश, महाराष्ट्र, मिजोरम, जम्मू और कश्मीर, अरुणाचल प्रदेश, उड़ीसा, हिमाचल प्रदेश ।

अपतटीय क्षेत्र

पूर्वी तट

पश्चिम तट

(ख) सातवीं योजना के दौरान सर्वेक्षण और अन्वेषण संबंधी ड्रिलिंग के लिए अनुमोदित परिव्यय 2833.16 करोड़ रुपए का है ।

Supply of LPG refills

1647. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the LPG domestic consumers do not get the refills from Indane LPG dealers in Delhi the same day of its booking with them;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which the LPG refills are not supplied to consumers the day of their booking; and

(c) by when the position is likely to improve and by when the consumers will be able to get the LPG refills on the day of their booking with the LPG dealers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) There have been some instances of delay in supply of refills in the Eastern Areas of Delhi on account of operational bottlenecks transport problems, inadequate storage capacity in some areas, etc.

(c) Efforts are being made to resolve operational bottlenecks and augment supplies to the distributors which would enable them to supply refills promptly. The oil industry is also planning to commission new distributorships.